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## **MANUAL LETTER NO. 7-C-10**

**ISSUED BY:** Bureau of Financial and Work Supports,  
Division of Financial, Health and Work Supports

**SUBJECT:** Household Composition of Victims of the 2008 Summer Storms and Floods

This manual letter extends provisions of a waiver of federal regulations regarding household composition for households affected by the 2008 summer storms and floods. For disaster victims, use the instructions of this manual letter in place of anything to the contrary in the current manual for all applications, recertifications, and reported changes processed from February 1, 2009 through July 31, 2009. This is an extension of the waiver that was originally approved through January 31, 2009.

### **Mandatory Household Members**

**Legal Reference:** 7 Code of Federal Regulations 273.1(a) and (b)

For victims of the summer storms and floods, determine household composition as it existed at the time of the disaster. Households who are temporarily staying with others while waiting to return to their homes can participate separately. However, the household may participate with the other household if they choose to do so.

For example, a 20-year old whose residence was damaged during the storms may be staying with his parents while waiting for his home to be repaired. The son may participate as a household of one. He is not required to include his parents in his Food Assistance household during the waiver period.

### **Effective Date**

Retroactive to February 1, 2009. Implement these policies for any actions on applications, recertifications, and reported changes through July 31, 2009. For any household certified under these policies, regular rules must be applied for any recertification or reported change after July 31, 2009.

### **Additional Information**

Refer questions about this manual letter to your area income maintenance administrator.